UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

)	Chapter 11
In re:)	
)	Case No. 18-50757
FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP., et al., 1)	(Jointly Administered)
)	
Debtors.)	
)	Hon. Judge Alan M. Koschik
)	

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF SCOTT L. ALBERINO IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP AS CO-COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION EFFECTIVE NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE

- I, SCOTT L. ALBERINO, being duly sworn, state the following under penalty of perjury:
- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and the State of Georgia, and I am a partner of the firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP ("Akin Gump"). Akin Gump maintains an office at, among other places, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington DC, 20036 and One Bryant Park, New York, New York, 10036. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against me.
- 2. I am duly authorized to make this supplemental declaration (the "Supplemental Declaration") on behalf of Akin Gump in further support of the Application to Employ Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as Co-Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: FE Aircraft Leasing Corp. (9245), case no. 18-50759; FirstEnergy Generation, LLC (0561), case no. 18-50762; FirstEnergy Generation Mansfield Unit 1 Corp. (5914), case no. 18-50763; FirstEnergy Nuclear Generation, LLC (6394), case no. 18-50760; FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (1483), case no. 18-50761; FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (0186), and Norton Energy Storage L.L.C. (6928), case no. 18-50763. The Debtors' address is: 341 White Pond Dr., Akron, OH 44320.

[Docket No. 234] (the "<u>Application</u>").² I submit this Supplemental Declaration in accordance with Bankruptcy Code sections 327(a), 328(a) and 330, Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016(b), and Local Rule 2016-1. Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

- 3. On April 6, 2018, the Debtors filed the Application, together with, among other things, the *Declaration of Scott L. Alberino*, dated April 6, 2018, attached to the Application as Exhibit B (the "Alberino Declaration").
- 4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Alberino Declaration, including paragraph 32, if a conflict, dispute or claim arises between the Debtors and a current or former client of Akin Gump, as listed on Schedules 2, 3 and 4 (as may be amended or supplemented from time to time), Akin Gump shall not commence a cause of action in these chapter 11 cases against the entities listed on Schedules 2, 3 and 4 that are current clients unless Akin Gump has an applicable waiver on file or first receives a waiver from such entity allowing Akin Gump to commence such action. To the extent the waiver does not exist or cannot be obtained, the Debtors will be represented in such particular matter by local counsel or conflicts counsel.
- 5. For the avoidance of doubt, Akin Gump will not represent any third party, including those listed on <u>Schedule 2</u>, in any action adverse to the Debtors and/or in connection with the chapter 11 cases. Further, upon information and belief, Akin Gump has not in the past represented any third parties in matters adverse to any of the Debtors or in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- 6. Akin Gump shall use reasonable best efforts to comply with the Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Application.

U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective as of November 1, 2013 and with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio Guidelines for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals, both in connection with the Application and the interim (if any) and final fee applications to be filed by Akin Gump in these chapter 11 cases.

- 7. Paragraph 52 of the Alberino Declaration states that Akin Gump has in the past and currently represents the Debtors and/or certain related parties. For the avoidance of doubt, Akin Gump currently does not represent any Related Non-Debtor Parties. Further, while Akin Gump has in the past and/or currently represents certain "related" parties, as detailed on Schedules 2-4, such representation has been, or is, on matters wholly unrelated to the chapter 11 cases and has not been, or is not, adverse to the Debtors.
- 8. On July 20, 2017, Rueben E. Dizengoff, the son of Ira Dizengoff, an Akin Gump partner in the New York office, accepted an offer of employment with the law firm of Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP ("Milbank"), proposed counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors (the "Committee"). Mr. Dizengoff will be joining Milbank in September of 2018 as an associate after his graduation from law school. Akin Gump has been advised that Milbank will institute formal screening measures to screen Mr. Dizengoff from all aspects of Milbank's representation of the Committee.
- 9. Set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u>, annexed hereto, is a supplemental listing of those additional parties that have been identified, and searched, by Akin Gump since the filing of the Alberino Declaration (the "<u>Searched Parties</u>").³ Set forth on <u>Schedule 2</u>, annexed hereto, is a list of those Searched Parties that Akin Gump either (a) currently represents (or represents a related

³ Akin Gump's representations that are set forth in paragraphs 4, 5, and 7 of this Supplemental Declaration apply equally to these supplemental Searched Parties that are listed on <u>Schedules 1-4</u> attached hereto.

party thereto) in matters wholly unrelated to the chapter 11 cases, and/or (b) has in the past represented (or represented a related party thereto) in matters wholly unrelated to the chapter 11 cases. Set forth on Schedule 3, annexed hereto, is a listing of those Searched Parties that are currently, or may have in the past been, adverse to clients (or represents a related party thereto) of Akin Gump in matters wholly unrelated to the chapter 11 cases. Set forth on Schedule 4, annexed hereto, is a listing of those Searched Parties that currently serve or have served on informal and/or official creditors' committees (or represents a related party thereto) represented by Akin Gump.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on April 23, 2018, in Washington D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

By: <u>/s/ Scott L. Alberino</u>
Scott L. Alberino
A Partner of the Firm

Schedule of Searched Parties¹

Members of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

Schwebel Baking Company

Committee Professionals

FTI Consulting, Inc.

PJT Partners, Inc.

MD Solar

Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP

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ASHTA Chemicals Inc.

Ellwood Group, Inc. EnergySolutions, LLC South Side Area School District

Only new entities not run in the original conflicts check are included on these supplemental schedules.

Schedule of Searched Parties and/or Certain Related Parties that Akin Gump Currently Represents, or Has in the Past Represented, in Matters Unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases

Members of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

Akin Gump has not represented and currently does not represent this party.

Committee Professionals

Akin Gump has in the past represented and currently represents the following companies and/or certain related parties of such companies on matters wholly unrelated to the Debtors' chapter 11 cases:

FTI Consulting, Inc.

Notice of Appearance Parties as of April 19, 2019

Akin Gump has in the past represented the following companies and/or certain related parties of such companies on matters wholly unrelated to the Debtors' chapter 11 cases:

EnergySolutions, LLC

Schedule of Searched Parties and/or Certain Related Parties that are Currently, or Have in the Past Been, Adverse to Clients of Akin Gump

FTI Consulting, Inc. EnergySolutions, LLC

Schedule of Searched Parties that are Currently Serving, or Have in the Past Served, on Other Informal and/or Official Creditors' Committees Represented by Akin Gump

None.